

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
February 11, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Dustin Loy, Jasmine Kingsley, Katie Garcia, Sean Flowerday, Rick Tast (ex-officio), and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Tom Randa, Jacqueline Miller, Stephanie Jarrett, Stacie Bleicher and Jenifer Holloway (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Pat Lopez, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Christina Hitz, Dave Humm, Jesse Davy, Justin Daniel, Tim Timmons, Steve Beal, Jeff Chambers, Bernice Afuh, Scott Holmes and Angel Edwards.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Loy to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Garcia that the January 14, 2020 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Kingsley. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Lopez started by talking about the additional funding of \$32,600.00 received by the Environmental Health Division from the Nebraska Department of Environmental

Energy for the clean-up of litter along 276 roadside miles and an additional 1,880 acres in Lancaster County. An additional \$136,000.00 will also be used for public education for litter reduction and waste management. Another \$188,000.00 was received to educate and operate the Lincoln Hazardous Waste Center. Environmental Health Staff did an amazing job requesting these additional funds that won't have to be requested from the City and County.

Jeff Chambers, the Business Office Manager, received the "Mayor's Award for Excellence" for his administration of the P-Card Policy. Jeff's team made sure the appropriate steps were taken to ensure a smooth transition. Congratulations to Jeff for a job well done!

Pat recently met with CEO's of Bryan and CHI to form a partnership for caring out a community health assessment in the community. The data gathered will be shared to develop strategies to address community needs.

The agenda has been set for discussing the Minority Health Funding at the upcoming meeting with the CEO of DHHS, Dannette Smith, and Dr. Mark Anthone, along with Tom Randa, Sean Flowerday, James Michael Bowers, Pat Lopez and Christa Yoakum. This meeting has been rescheduled several times. The awarded funding is requiring any subcontractor to carry the same amount of insurance as the key recipient of the funds. The insurance coverage would cost more than the funds being appropriated so many Health Departments are withdrawing their requests for funding. A letter of concern was sent to the Appropriations Committee regarding the situation.

Tim Timmons, the Communicable Disease Program Supervisor, gave a brief explanation regarding the Coronavirus. He explained that the Coronavirus is a respiratory virus that is very common especially in the winter. Respiratory Panels are used to test for Coronavirus. The virus has mutated and has an incubation period of 2 to 14 days. This lower respiratory tract infection includes symptoms of cough, fever and shortness of breath. Globally there have been over 1,000 deaths. The United States currently has 13 confirmed cases along with 398 PUI's or Persons Under Investigation. On February 2, 2020 a federal mandate was passed that anyone coming from China must be screened. The screening will determine quarantine. Medical evaluations are available for individuals that develop symptoms. Similar procedures were used during the Ebola outbreak.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Legislative Bills for the Board of Health Support

1. LB 1018 – James Michael Bowers was asked to speak at the hearing regarding the bill on the 18th of February along with Kim Engle, from Panhandle Public Health District and Dr. Adi Pour from Omaha.

Motion: Mr. Flowerday made a motion that the Board support James Michael testifying and approve the letter of support for LB 1018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loy. Motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

2. LB 840 – The “Clean Indoor Air Act” would include electronic devices and a letter of support was written to Senator Howard.

Motion: Mr. Flowerday made a motion that the Board approve the letter of support for LB 840. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garcia. Motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

3. LB 1105 – This bill addresses the dental Medicaid audits. Gwendy Meginnis, the Dental Division Manager at The Health Department, has been asked to speak on behalf of the Board of Health. The audits have continued to make it difficult for dentists to work as Medicaid providers.

Motion: Ms. Kingsley made a motion that the Board support Gwendy testifying on their behalf and to approve the letter of support for LB 1105. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garcia. Motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

- B. Annual Public Health Association Conference: The Conference is April 7th & 8th at Innovation Campus. Margaret Brink, through State Association of Local Boards of Health, has worked to secure funding for one Board member of each Board to attend the conference for free. There will be some really great speakers and Pat encouraged Board of Health members to attend.

Motion: Mr. Loy made a motion that the Board support attending the Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried 5-0 by a roll call vote

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Item)

- A. Cottage Foods Update: Scott Holmes, the Environmental Health Division Manager, informed the Board that the Lincoln City Council approved the changes to the Lincoln Municipal Code with a 4-2 vote at yesterday’s meeting. Justin Daniel, the Environmental

Health Supervisor, will provide training for any Cottage Foods Vendors. Scott Holmes thanked the Board of Health for all of their support.

- B. Annual Board of Health Meeting: The Annual meeting will take place on April 6th at the Lincoln Station Great Hall in the Haymarket from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. There will be eight awards that will be given to well deserving nominees. Steve Beal, the Animal Control Manager, is working with Janette Johnson, the Office Manager for Health Promotion & Outreach, to coordinate the script, invitations and reservations. The Mayor has been asked to speak during the awards and Board of Health members will receive their meeting information.
- C. Governance Performance Standards: Pat requested that additional information be e-mailed to Board Members and readdressed at the March meeting with the voting “clickers” when all members are present.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – March 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Ms. Garcia that the meeting adjourn. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Angel Edwards
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS
Vice President